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Editorial

LET'S TALK IT OVER

Folks, let's talk turkey and I'm directing this message to every member of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association and its juniors. It is of vital importance to us all.

You know by this time that I'm going to talk about the coming horse show on June 26 and 27.

It's easy to hope, somehow, that things will come out alright. Well, now we've come to the place where we have to stop hoping and start acting. It means each one of us must assume a share of the responsibility instead of leaving it up to the other fellow. It's up to each one of us, individually, to make this show the most outstanding one of its kind ever held.

There's a job for every one of us. If we aren't able to enter any of the various events, or participate in the show proper, or if we aren't doing our bit on one of the committees, then we can sell tickets, or come out and help build bleachers. If we can't sell tickets, then we can buy some and come out and help support the show.

They tell us the new arena is only a start. We've been promised an extensive program of development, with an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 in the project before its completion.

The next move, then, is up to us. If we want to impress the city fathers and the park department, all of whom have been most liberal in their support, that we deserve their consideration and observation, then it's up to us to put our show across.

Your horse show chairman and his many committees have been hard at work on arrangements for the two-day event. They have chosen judges who are outstanding horse show personalities, and the entire program bids promise of being one of color and beauty.

I feel confident that you won't let us down, and that you'll make it a point to be present on both days. You're assured of good entertainment, as well as the opportunity to participate in, what we hope will prove to be, one of the biggest shows ever held in our entire area.

I'll be looking for you at the show.

Ted Dreyer, president.

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Date: Thursday, July 1

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SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

The Fourth of July season always brings a deluge of invitations from other organizations to participate in parades, horse shows and barbecues.

Don't forget the Napa County Fair and Horse Show at Calistoga July 3 through the 5th. Parade to be on Sunday the 4th.

The next is a Fourth of July reunion at San Leandro, featuring a gigantic parade with floats, drum and bugle corps, mounted groups, decorated cars, drill teams, Boy and Girl Scout groups and a junior band.

Russian River Riders are holding an endurance trail ride on July 8, 9 and 10, with all groups represented on the ride. Entry blank appeared in the May issue of Horseman.

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County is holding a four day ride September 3-4-5-6 starting in Woodside, each day's ride to be about 20 miles. This is limited to 100 participants and the cost of the trip to be \$85.00 per person. Application blanks will be sent upon request by writing Hermann Kohlmoos, Secretary, P.O. Box 221, Menlo Park.

Again the old headache—the mailing list. Complaints came from San Leandro this time and each complaint's address was IN the mailing list and correct. It's beyond me what the Post Office does with your Blazers! Please check with your postman or perhaps you'll find some small fry playing post office with your copies. The mailing list has been corrected as far as humanly possible and thanks for your fine cooperation.

Mary Gale, Secretary.

C.S.H.A. LITTLE CONVENTION

Word has come from Ray Stone that the Little Convention Saturday evening, June 27 will be a bang-up affair.

The program includes the state board dinner, at 7 p.m. at Hotel Whitcomb. Representatives of the regions of CSHA will be present to discuss problems pertinent to the organization. It's a dandy chance to see how they do business and meet these fine people. The program and dinner is sponsored by Region No. 6, being a joint meeting of No. 6 and the state vice-presidents and other officers.

Following dinner there will be a dance held at Hotel Whitcomb—this would be a good way to celebrate the M.H.A. horse show. Understand that they plan to bring some of these state representatives to our show on Sunday.

Tickets for the dinner are \$4.00 per person and \$1.00 for dancing, should you want to come later. Contact either Ray Stone or Mary Gale for tickets.

THANKS, DOROTHY

Dear MHA Members:

We live about 5 miles from Medford and have a beautiful view all around us. All the fences are painted white and buildings are white with red roofs. Our barn will hold 350 ton hay; also have a four room tenant house for our hired help, and all kinds of outbuildings, not forgetting an aluminum airplane hangar. We don't have a plane as yet but hope to have one soon and then Tommy and I will take lessons to fly.

We raise alfalfa and oat hay which we use to fatten our white face cattle. This is really a horsey country and we have wonderful trails to ride.

Tom has joined the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse. They have recently bought their own grounds (60 acres) and are now building their own stables, barns, clubrooms, caretakers' cottages, show grounds and race track similar to the famous one in Portland. We have four horses which we trailed from Oakland last August and the "baby" is a beautiful Morgan stallion, King.

The country here is well known for its excellent hunting and fishing which Tom has enjoyed.

Give our best regards to everyone and we would like to extend an invitation to any M.H.A. member that might wander up this way to stop in and see us. Best wishes to the M.H.A. and its continued success.

Sincerely,

Tom and Dorothy Whittle.

Editor's Note: Dorothy Whittle was secretary for M.H.A. in 1944 and recently Dot and Tom moved to Oregon. So many members have asked for news of them that we are publishing this letter received by Mary Gale.

It will be interesting to hear from other members now living elsewhere, and we invite your letters. It's fun to keep in touch.

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Large Attendance at Contra Costa County Horsemen's 3rd Annual Show

High spirits and keen competition marked the Contra Costa County Horsemen's Association 3rd Annual Children's Horse show at Walnut Creek, June 6. Youthful competitors numbering 115 showed their mounts before approximately 1,800 spectators.

High point cowgirl and high point cowboy of the show were Celia Gray from Tenacres, near Walnut Creek, and Donnie Ford, member of the California Centaurs, well-known drill team, from Santa Rosa.

Tie For Honors

Unusual was the fact that points piled up for the various wins caused him and Jimmy Black, Oakland, to tie for this honor with 8 points each. Decision was finally made by the boys' good sportsmanship in running off the tie by a race.

Celia Gray won her award with a total of 5 points.

In the parade classes awards went to Celia Gray, best dressed cowgirl, senior; Walleen Grandona, Castro Valley, best dressed cowgirl, junior; Eugene Ghiozzi, Brentwood, best dressed cowboy, senior; Frankie Santos, Richmond, best dressed cowboy, junior; Cary Martin, Concord, youngest rider, and El Caballo Volante, Walnut Creek, best parade group.

Large List of Entrants

First event, the senior trail horse class for participants 11—16 years inclusive, had 52 entrants. Winners were George Cardinet III, Concord, first; Ray Morgan, Clayton, second, and Barbara Albert, third.

The English pleasure horse class had 22 contestants, winners being, first, Celia Gray; second, Todd Cary; third, Buck Hall.

English jumpers: first, Sandra Logue, Oakland; second, Celia Gray; third, Sandra Endersby, Lafayette.

Junior trail horse class, 11 years and under, had 50 entries. Winners were: first, Eddie Gomez, Jr., Clayton; second, Jimmy Black, Oakland; third, Donnie Ford.

Musical Chairs Popular

With 60 entrants in musical chairs, the winners of the younger and older divisions were: juniors: first, Ken Morgan, Clayton; second, Don Joaquin, Walnut Creek; third, Bill Becker. Seniors: first, Ralph Silva, Diablo; second, Pat Pfeiffer, Orinda; third, Norman de Back, San Ramon.

Other classes were the senior, junior and open stock horse classes. Winners in junior divisions (not working cattle): first, Frankie Santos; second, Jimmy Black; third, Donnie Ford. Seniors: first, Bobbie Larson, Walnut Creek; second, Gene Ghiozzi; third, Paddy Lang.

Fifteen riders, in open stock, competed with additional work on cattle. Winners were: first, Donnie Ford; second, Jimmy Black; third, Gene Ghiozzi.

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TRADING PATHS, FROM BRIDLE TO BRIDAL

Colored pictures, taken by the Dreyers on their recent South American trip and last minute plans for the coming horse show played second fiddle to more romantic news revealed at the Open Forum meeting June 9.

Arriving at the meeting wearing a lovely diamond, sparkling from her left hand, Miss Betty Chute, of Oakland, was later introduced as the bride-elect of Mr. Don Marquis, horse show chairman and past president of M.H.A.

Both well known in the association, the couple is planning a trip down the bridal path in August.

Good luck, Don and Betty.

GERALD GRAY MOVES TO COLORADO

From all reports Gerald Gray thinks there is nothing like Montrose, Colo. Mr. Gray trailered his four horses to Montrose which took two trips. Montrose is a typical cow town of the West where nothing seems to change.

He has a small ranch producing alfalfa, fruit and chickens. Recently a uranium mine was discovered near Montrose and there are a few oil wells in the vicinity. We wish the best of luck to Mr. Gray in his new venture.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Gracing our cover this month are several active members who will participate in the coming M.H.A. show.

Reading from left to right, top row, are Carmel Himmelman, flag bearer and Geneva Menicucci, president, of the Lariettes, the group recently participating in the Ford dealers' convention in Oakland; and Mary Lou Hutton, on Rum Punch, taking one of the jumps at Cressmount. Middle row: Little Lynda Landsborough, 5, shown with her buckskin gelding, Colty, who has been riding since she was two and one half years of age and who already boasts more trophies than she does years; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman, who are taking a day off from their refreshment duties are shown during the recent trail ride and field day. Bottom row shows a perpetual favorite at horse shows, young Jim Black, Jr., on Rabbit, with one of his many trophies and Sandra Logue, looking over a group of her trophies, no doubt with an eye to accumulating more at the coming show.

Membership News

Highlight of the second Open Forum, held June 9 at Woodminster bowl clubhouse, was presentation of the 100 per cent membership banners.

Given out by Gus Himmelman, in the absence of Heber Brown, membership chairman, the coveted banners went to the Sheriff's Posse, represented by Jim Myers; Lariettes, by Geneva Menicucci; Don Evans stable, Bea McKechnie; Shrine Rangers, Captain Fred L. Bemis; Upson Downs, Mary Lou Hutton; Pegasus Patrol, Windy Smith; Cressmount Boarders, Pat Gowrie; Subalterns, Vandra Rosendahl; Piedmont Stables, Jim Black; Miss Graham's, Charles Hall and Leona Riders, Willis Nutthall. Banners were also awarded to the Oakland Stable, Big Bear, Richard Neves stables, and Wildwood stables.

Reports Given

Presided over by Ted Dreyer, president, the forum opened with a report on the trails by A. B. Graham, followed by routine reports from the various chairmen. Included were Jim Myers, outlining future activities of the association for Art Palmer, unable to be present; Edna Collins and Elizabeth Frampton, of the Trail Blazer staff; Don Schwimley, who read the financial report in Bill Pray's absence and Chris Hansen who reported for the Juniors.

Special guests were Ray Stone, secretary of the California State Horsemen's association who brought news of the junior championships to be held at Santa Rosa, in October, and who urged that the MHA put forth every effort to interest local juniors; Mrs. Ray Stone, who assists her husband; Muriel Klinker, secretary of the San Francisco Horsemen's association, and Warren Luce, advertising manager for The Horseman, monthly publication of the CSHA.

Others responding to introduction were Clifford E. Rishell, Oakland city councilman, 6th district, and Sidney V. Chown, a member of the MHA for some years, who has recently renewed membership.

Parade Plans

Major discussion concerned the coming show, and details of the street parade, on June 24, were outlined. Members are urged to be present, and all groups are asked to assemble promptly at 7:30 p.m., with the parade proper to get underway at 8 o'clock. Bumper strips and placards were distributed later.

Approximately 1,000 underprivileged children will be guests at the Junior show on Saturday, June 26, according to Mr. Dreyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman were in charge of refreshments, assisted by Art Palmer, and Geneva Menicucci. Climaxing the evening's program, attended by a large representation of members, were colored movies shown by Mr. Dreyer, the films being taken during his recent South American vacation trip.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Mary and John Rhodes hail from San Francisco. John has a lovely registered black Morgan gelding, Rondo, stabled at Rancho Bonita, and rides with the Sheriff's Posse.

Philip Sheson of Montclair is a flat saddle rider and anxious to get in on the trail rides and evening groups. Phil, according to his sister, is also a fine dancer.

J. V. Kilbride does not own a horse but is interested in the welfare of horses, and rides from Rancho Bonita when time permits. During business hours he is with Grinnell Company. His small daughter, Diane, shares his love of horses.

Ivan Studley has been riding for a good many years and has a flare for trick riding. He stables at the Rancho Bonita.

James Boxwell, Cressmounter, is learning the art of forward seat riding with the Tuesday evening group. Jim is one of the interested spectators at the Upson Downs classes and often joins the club for fun after the rides. He is with the Borden Decalcomania Company, in San Francisco.

Sidney V. Chown, former secretary of the East Bay Trails association, has recently purchased Guy Diablo, a standard and thoroughbred gelding, and is busy erecting a three horse barn on his three acre place in Montclair.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

June Additions: This list includes memberships up to and including June 9th. *Indicates Trail Donation.

RENEWALS

Wesley Adams	Elizabeth Petri
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Louis Passafiume	Walter Simas
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Ruth Peckham	Ruby Welch
David Pembridge	

NEW MEMBERS

Sue Brixner	Mrs. C. Rishell
James W. Boswell	Mary B. Rhodes
J. V. Kilbride	Philip Sheson
Mrs. Chas. Lawrence	Ivan E. Studley
Clifford Rishell	Paul Wooten

JUNIORS

Joan Anderson	Susan Greenfield
Sue Boomer	Larry Latham
Willia Bullard	Betsy Selby
Bonnie Jean Christie	Teddy Simas
Ronnie Dunnlway	Lois Vassalo

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

With attention focussed for the moment on the coming show, members are still finding time to work for new memberships, and there is friendly rivalry for the coveted prizes, donated by President and Mrs. Ted Dreyer. Acquired while they were on their South American vacation, the two prizes, to be awarded to the two members having obtained the most new memberships or renewals, were on display at the Open Forum. They include a Peruvian bracelet, personally selected by Mrs. Dreyer, featuring gold and silver inlay, and a beautiful preference cigarette box bearing a map of South America in inlay on the top. It was announced that the contest would be extended until the September quarterly meeting, with the top winner to have first choice of the prizes.

During a meeting of the membership committee, held May 27 at the office of Heber James Brown, membership chairman, a One-for-One club idea was inaugurated. A letter will be sent out to each active member, asking them to bring in a new member or a renewal. Aim of the past few presidents of the association has been a roster of 1000 members and it is hoped to attain this goal in the near future. As pointed out at the meeting, MHA offers more to its members for the three dollars a year dues than any other organization. These include wonderful trails, open forum meetings, top notch activities, dances, trail rides, dinners, a dandy monthly magazine, the CSHA monthly bulletin and a yearly horse show.

Attending the meeting were Ted Dreyer, Don Schwimley, Don Marquis, Willis Nutthall, Martin Murray, Elsa and Gus Himmelman and Mary Gale.

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COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK ON HORSE SHOW PLANS

"Much of the credit for a highly successful horse show should go to the various committees who give generously of their time and thought," commented Ted Dreyer, president, as he released the complete list of members serving in various capacities.

Heading the list is Don Marquis, horse show chairman, assisted by an executive committee including Mr. Dreyer, Jim Myers, and Howard Robinson. George Walling is serving as ringmaster, with Kay Walling, ring clerk and Ray Theobald, as announcer.

Name Ring Stewards

Ring stewards are Bob McCarty and Willis Nutthall, the latter also serving as ring crew chairman. Archie Brown, Don Schwimley and Martin Murray comprise the grounds committee with Jim Myers, Blanche Paul, Elizabeth Frampton and Osa Harper Ruttan handling publicity and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman responsible for the commissary committee. Mary Gale is serving as show secretary.

Official veterinarians are Dr. G. L. Millerick, Dr. W. S. Bentham and Dr. E. G. LeDonne and Carl Hansen will be on hand to take care of the horse shoeing Special events are in charge of Stan Cosca; J. Hampton Ford is chairman of outside publicity, and programs are being planned by Fred Anderson.

Division Committees

Mr. Dreyer is in personal charge of the ticket sale. Serving on the committee in charge of the English division are Deane Burton, Willis Nutthall, Sylvia King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logue, Don Evans, Elsa Mesquita, Tedda Beyler, Mary Lou Hutton, Blanche Paul and Don Schwimley.

Western division committee members are Ted Dreyer, John Corvi, Heber Brown, Jim Myers, A. B. Graham, Art Palmer, Jim Black, Bill Patten, Harold Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman, Harold Knudsen, Stan Cosca, Ray and Bev Theobald, Chris Hansen, Jerry Hansen, Irv Hansen, Willis Pray, George Daniels and Pete Little.

Hansen Heads Juniors

Other members of the horse show committee include F. Burt Fernoff, Miss Graham, Lorraine Lacerda, May Murray, Adela Mulford, Betty Chute, Kent M. Weaver, Frank Colburn and Ray Donaldson.

Junior activities will be under the direction of Chris Hansen and Art Palmer is serving as parade chairman.

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OAKLAND RIDING ACADEMY HOLDS ALL-ENGLISH SHOW

They are still talking about the All English horse show, held at the Oakland Stable, May 30 which spectators report as an exceptionally fine ribbon and trophy event.

Results were as follows: Green Jumpers, Ladies' division won by Sandra Logue riding Snow Storm to first place and The Sportsman to second. Gentlemen's Division won by Hampton Ford, on Irish Lad. Leonard Landsborough on Colty Jr. won second. The Seat and Hands class, open only to the Oakland pupils and boarders, was won by Susan Greenfield on Cindy. Barbara Bishop on Cinabar won second. Joyce Grantham on Nig was third.

Class For Colts

The Class for Colts in Hand was won by Rhythm's Rhapsody, beautiful 14-month old saddlebred stallion owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul. Mandora Royal, saddlebred filly owned by Hampton Ford was second. Skiddo, entry of Harry Menicucci, third. Matched pairs was won by Norma and Dean Burton, riding Cover Girl and Idiot's Delight. Second, Janice Kenyon and Sylvia King on Long Timber and Burma Road. Third, Sandra Logue, Sally Allen on Toy Storm, Lady Westen.

Division Winners

Saddlebred division of the pleasure horse class was won by Blanch Paul on De Neze; second to Osa Harpar Ruttan on Hal Collins, third Barbara Ruth Robb with Gypsy Treasure.

Thoroughbred division of the Pleasure horse class went to Deane Burton on Idiot's Delight, with Charles Hall, with Timmie, second and Norma Burton, riding Cover Girl, third.

Junior equitation, open only to pupils and boarders of the Oakland Stable; Carol Barrett, first on Sunset, Gertrude Potter, second on Crusader, third, Noel Girard on Dandy.

Musical Chairs

Open Jumpers Norma Burton won first with Idiot's Delight, second with O'Malley; third to Carolyn Blanch on Laddie. The four ribbons in the Musical Chairs went to Jackie Kelley, Sally Wright, John Shumaker and Sara Stocks.

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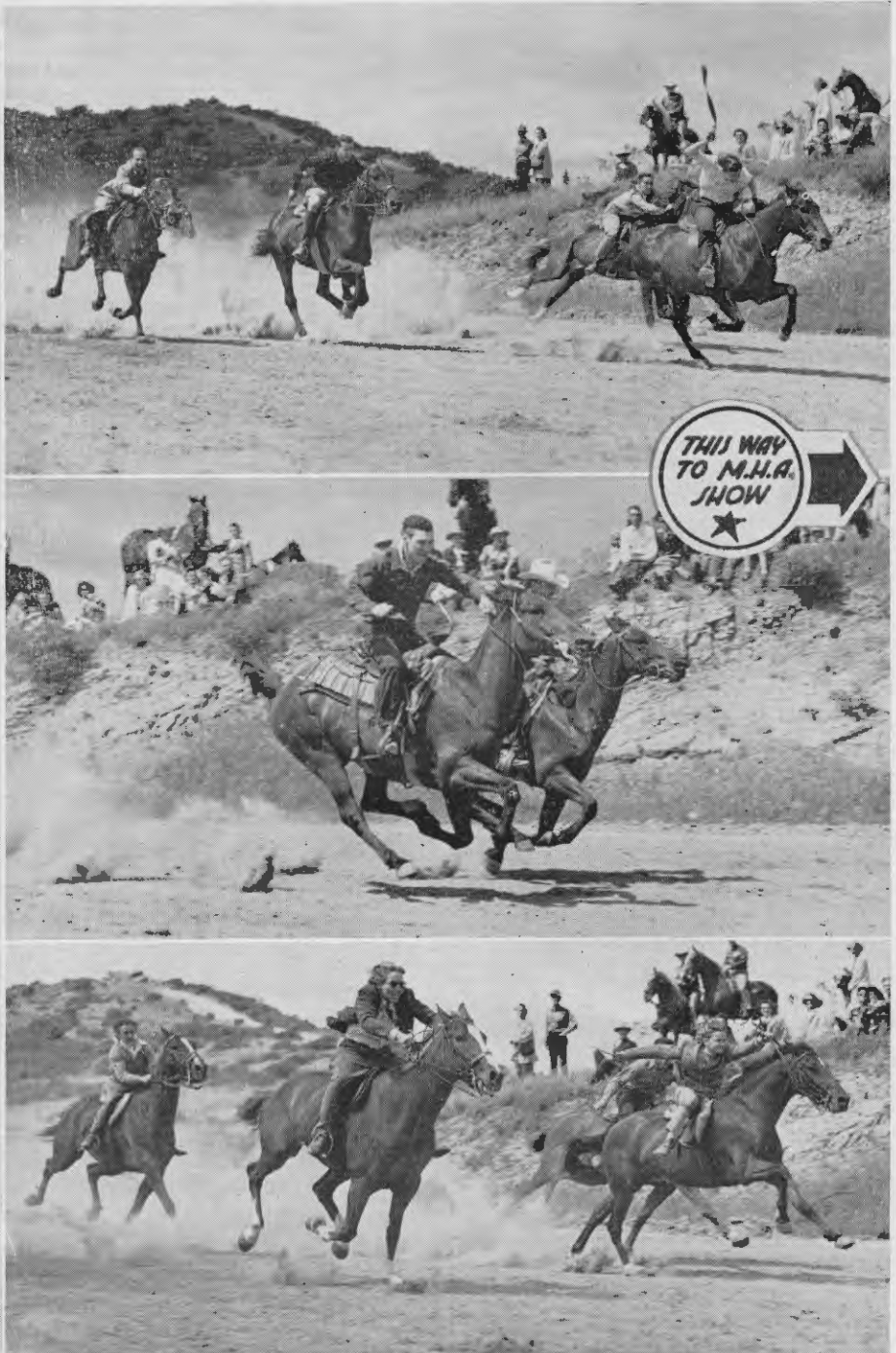
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he MHA Horse Show

All steamed up seems to adequately describe not only the enthusiasm shown by the riders in the Field Day Races depicted on the opposite page, but also the excitement prevailing among members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association and other entrants in the big horse show scheduled for the coming weekend.

Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, promise to be eventful days on every Bay Area horsemen's calendar, not only because those days will provide a show in which everyone can get out and participate and really have some fun, but also because this will be the first public event to be staged in the new Joaquin Miller Arena — OUR ARENA.

Prior to this we have had to depend on private stables to provide facilities for the M.H.A. show. Now we have our own place, so let's make use of it in a big way.

We have an obligation to fill in regards to this new arena. We asked for it. The city officials and the park department have provided it. They have extensive plans for its future development. Only by turning out 100 per cent at this first public event in the Arena can we show them how much we appreciate our "Home For Horsemen."

If you haven't entered your horse in the show, let's at least see you in the stands. If you can't use all your tickets, turn them in to your president, Ted Dreyer, so that they can be used for some of the 1000 underprivileged children we hope to entertain at the Saturday performance.

JUDGES NAMED FOR MHA SHOW

Announcement of the names of the judges for the greater Metropolitan Horsemen's association show, on June 26 and 27, has been made by Don Marquis, horse show chairman.

Jack Walsh, riding master of the Sacramento Riding club, of Northern Sacramento, will judge the English classes. An authority on English equitation, jumping, and fox hunting, Walsh has judged many national shows in the east and news of his participation in the local show has met with enthusiastic reception on the part of the exhibitors, according to Mr. Marquis.

Considered equally as capable in the art of judging is Harold Denning, also of North Sacramento, who will judge the Western division. President of the Northern Sacramento Roping club, Denning is a breeder of fine Western horses.

RINGMASTER WALLING PROMISES BIG SHOW

Setting the stage for bigger and better shows, George Walling, named as ringmaster of the coming Metropolitan Horsemen's association horse show, has announced a full program of special events to intersperse the competitive classes.

"While the program is not complete at this time," said Walling, "I can promise that everyone will be more than pleased with the entertainment we have planned. We only ask cooperation of every member and, from the response that we are getting, I feel confident that we have nothing to worry about."

Junior Show Saturday

Opening with the all children's show on Saturday, Walling called attention to the 12 ribbon and trophy classifications. They include (1) Children's equitation class; (2) Children's pleasure class; (3) Children's jumpers class; (4) Children's stock horse class; (5) Children's musical chairs, in two groups according to age and size; (6) Children's pair class (English or Western); (7) Children's stake race; (8) Children's bareback horsemanship class; (9) Children's trail class, English and Western; (10) Children's Western equitation class and (11) Egg race. The twelfth event will be the naming of the champion and reserve champion.

Sunday's show for adult participation is equally as complete. Classes include (1) English trail class; (2) Open jumpers; (3) Pleasure horses; (4) Hunters; (5) English pair class; (6) Western Trail class; (7) Palomino and pinto pleasure class; (8) Stock horse class; (9) Parade horses, Western; (10) Western pair class; (11) Family group class (English or Western), and the grand finale class, the outstanding point winning horse of the day.

Colorful Entrance

The grand entry is promised as spectacular and will start off with a bang, according to Walling.

Special events will include exhibitions of three and five-gaited horses, a walk-trot horse, hackney pony and fine harness horses. Loretta Cosca and Scotty Black will be on hand to thrill the spectators with their trick and fancy roping.

Pictures appearing on the opposite page as well as the Himmelman picture on the cover were taken at the recent field day and trail ride and are produced through courtesy of Maurice R. Wallace, commercial photographer, 3527 Grand ave., a new member of MHA.



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Pony Class Winners

Large classes for the younger juniors were the pony class and egg race. Winners of the pony class were: first, Duane Lockhart, Walnut Creek; second, Judy Wise; third, Billie Fontana. The egg race: first, Marlene Richards, Lafayette; second, Eddie Gomez, Jr.; third, Virginia Tengstedt, Lafayette.

Stake races were won in the seniors by first, Donald Collis, Walnut Creek; second, Sandra Endersby, Lafayette; third, Dick Tazer, Walnut Creek. Juniors: first, Donnie Ford; second, Jimmy Black; third, Billie Evans, Martinez. Trophy for best time in both sections went to Donnie Ford.

All Roping Award

All-roping award went to Norman de Back. Ill luck favored the other six ropers in their two go-arounds for averaging time, and de Back was the only contestant making a legal catch.

Winners in the two go-arounds of calf riding were: first, Dick Tazer; second, Jim Duncan, Concord; third, Don Joaquin.

Final event of the show, with all children under 10 years on the grounds invited to participate, was the Pig Derby, won by Lee Morecraft, Walnut Creek.

NEWSPAPERS PLAYING UP METROPOLITAN SHOW

Oakland newspapers are responding generously with space for the coming show, according to Mrs. Blanche Paul who is handling this phase of publicity. In addition to pictures and stories, The Piedmonter used the map showing the location of the new arena, shown recently in the Trail Blazer.

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Junior Activities

MHA JUNIORS NAME DIVISION CHAIRMAN

Working towards a snappy drill team, members of the MHA Juniors, at their second session held at Chairman Chris Hansen's home, named Corrine Smith as chairman of the English division, and Carolyn Blanch, as Western division chairman.

President Joey Cosca presided, with 25 members present. Discussion concerned dues, with a decision to be reached at the next meeting.

An activities committee was appointed with Joan Ree as chairman, to be assisted by Barbara Hoffman, Barbara Albert, Carolyn Blanch and Corrine Smith.

Ruth Black heads the membership committee composed of Gail Meyer, Russ Suza and Helen Shafer.

Following the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hansen served ham sandwiches, punch, ice-cream and cake to the group.

PEGASUS PATROL

Pegasus Patrol is also 100% in MHA membership, this dandy group of riders having participated in the horse shows at Cressmount during the past year thus proving that the youngest riders can compete in jumping, cubbing and equitation.

Peggy Day has been reporting for the group on the Trail Blazer and with Karen Anderson's help they have reached 100% MHA membership.

SHONGEHON

Final meeting of this semester was held at the home of Janet and Joyce Moore, when final plans for the Shongehon show were discussed. Helen Shafer and Carol Lee Jory were named to take charge of arrangements for the supper following the show.

Members of Shongehon will be widely scattered during the summer vacation. Nancy Danielson, former member, is back at Cressmount where she can be seen riding her flashy thoroughbred, Sir John Edwin. Nancy has been attending Davis College of Agriculture and majoring in Animal Husbandry . . . Beverly Cron, Trail Blazer reporter and energetic membership committee member, will vacation in the San Fernando Valley on her aunt's ranch . . . Marilyn Shaw will spend most of the summer on her uncle's ranch near Phoenix, Ariz., riding and swimming . . . Sue Allen will join her parents in Panama for a pleasure jaunt . . . Pat Brandes and Helen Shafer will spend some time in Carmel.

Flash! Shongehon is 100% in membership in M.H.A. The coveted blue and white 100% banner was presented to Beverly Cron, representing the club. Patsy Nutthall, Helen Shafer and Sue Allen were present at the Open Forum to assist Bev.

ANNUAL SHONGEHON SHOW PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

They've done it again! We mean members of Shongehon, Subalterns and the Pegasus Patrol who participated in the 10th annual Shongehon Junior horse show on Sunday, June 6, at Cressmount.

Held in a near-professional manner, the group had as special guests children from the De Fremery Children's home and a group of veterans from Oak Knoll hospital, as well as a large representation of relatives and guests.

Acting as officials were Mrs. Jack Abel and Gene K. Walker, judges; John Theil, ring clerk; Robert McCarty, announcer; Jane Wood, ribbon clerk; Winifred Johnson, paddock clerk; Beverly Cron, number clerk; Phyllis Thiel, program; Margaret Johnson, music; Willis Nutthall and Jim Ormond, tickets, and Miss Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hutton, directors.

Comedy Act

Adding a great deal to the entertainment was a misfit jumping exhibition by Miss Hutton, riding Kyack, the Clown. Kyack who put his heart and soul into the act, took every jump on the Upson Downs course even if against his better judgment. Mary Lou represented George Tongue, of the Belvoir Hunt club, riding Full Cry. Kyack jumped out of the ring instead of jumping in, took the jumps entirely out of order but when taking the stone wall took the jump with Mary Lou using neither reins nor stirrups.

Kyack takes a lot of persuasion on the part of his rider to get him over the jumps so hats off to Mary Lou and Kyack for a fine performance.

Special Awards

Presentation of Award of Merit—The Sweet Perpetual trophy to the most outstanding girl in Shongehon went to Sue Allen. Winner of this award is selected by secret ballot.

Results of the show were: Jumpers—open to Pegasus Patrol—1. Killarney—Ann Conwell; Big Rock—Wilda Rosendahl; 3. Elko—Don Schumacher; 4. Adobe—Linda Lorimer. Intermediate Jumpers: 1. Indian—Karen Anderson; 2. Kyack—Vandra Rosendahl; 3. Noah—Yvonne Irwin; 4. Strong Bow—Sheila Derieg. Costume Pairs: 1. Strong Bow and Irish Bank ridden by Jack Reim and Alice Dewey; 2. Elko and Small Timber—David Hadden and Karen Anderson; 3. Kyack and Noah—Janet Scott and Nancy Peppin; 4. Adobe and Timberline—Barty Bates and Windy Smith. Championship Equitation Class (open to Subalterns) won by Peggy Day riding Elko and Reserve Championship to Wilda Rosendahl riding

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Dede Brandes Named Champion

Championship went to Dede Brandes and Reserve Championship to Pat Brandes. Shongehon Championship Equitation—Pat Brandes on Strong Bow; Reserve Championship to Charlotte Lochner on Irish Bank. Teams of Fours: 1. Subalterns Team—Vandra Rosendahl, Peggy Day, Carol De Vilbis and Ann Conwell riding Indian, Small Timber, Elko and Trinity Tim. 2. Shongehon Team—Mollie Mulford, Beverly Cron, Sue Allen and Priscilla Meyer; 4. Upson Downs Team—Bud Bahnsen, Don Schwimley, Jerry and Tom Hansen. Tailor Shop—1. Sue Allen and Priscilla Meyer assisted by Phantom Filly; 2. Bea Sweet and Dede Brandes on La Zova.

Pegasus Patrol With Colors

Rough n' tumble game of Flagola was won by the Shongehon team, Sue Allen, Sally Allen, Bea Sweet and Helen Shafer (Helen Shafer substituted for Mollie Mulford due to a full during the Point-To-Point).

Pegasus Patrol flag bearers presented the colors, followed by the Shongehon drill team giving its spectacular precision drill.

SUBALTERNS

Subalterns are mighty proud of their team of four riders who won that class at the Shongehon Junior horse show—Vandra Rosendahl, Carol De Vilbiss, Ann Conwell and Peggy Day.

Sheila Derieg, Trail Blazer reporter for Subalterns, is now a member of Shongehon. Many thanks, Sheila, for your fine job of reporting and for your work on the MHA membership committee. It is largely through Sheila's work that Subalterns is now 100% in MHA membership.



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Ronnie Dunniway, student at Elmhurst High, has been riding about two and one-half years. Owner of a pinto mare, Goldie, he is an active member of the Leona Riders and is planning several overnight rides during the summer.

Lois Vassalo, 13, who has been riding 6 years doesn't own a horse herself, but sponsors Gay, a friend's black mare. Lois, a freshman at Frick Junior high, also rides from Western Stables and Pinto Ranch.

Beverly Hutton, 12, a student at Castro Valley school, joined MHA when she heard that the juniors were organizing. Her family owns five horses and Bev's own pride and joy is Dixie Belle, a lovely Morgan mare. On week-ends the family trailers their horses to different parts of the East Bay to ride.

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Three members of the original group still take an active interest including Margo Brewer, who served as first treasurer; Gia Abel and James Ormond.

From former members we hear that Phil and Paul Johnson are engaged to be married . . . Grace Burroughs has returned after an absence of two years teaching in Ceylon . . . Gracie should have some tall tales to tell the gang . . . Lorraine Harris lives in San Lorenzo and joins the gang for rides now and then . . . Sue Boillot is now in Lucerne visiting her family . . . Irene Lagorio, whose caricatures of horses adorn walls of the umbrella ring, is with the art department of Technical High school . . . Elena Lagorio, former Trail Blazer editor, is with the audio visual department of Oakland schools . . . we remember Irene and Elena's outstanding performance in the horse shows riding Kyack and Noah.

D BAR H RANCH

From this new stable comes news that Barton Heller has several ribbons to his credit, won as follows: Best Dressed Cowboy at the Hayward parade; First place, riding Rainbow, in the Trails and Stock Horse Classes and second in horsemanship at the Santa Rosa Junior Show. Meredith Burgess won fourth place in Trail Class riding Rainbow at the Sacramento show. Sixth in Trail Class riding Bonanza, the flashy chestnut mare formerly owned by Bert Fernoff, third, with Rainbow, in Stock Class and second, with Bonanza, at the San Jose show.

Daisy, stable watchdog, recently presented her owners with five pups of questionable ancestry!

WITH THE LARI-ETTES

Last month when Governors of five states and 1200 Ford dealers arrived in Oakland for their "Round-up" they were greeted by the Lari-ettes mounted on their parade horses who escorted them to the Municipal Auditorium for the showing of the 1949 Ford models.

The group entertained the visitors with a parade drill, led by the captain, Margaret Rukavina. Loretta Cosca gave an exhibition of trick riding and roping on her palomino, Poppy. Stan Cosca was M.C. for the entire entertainment. James G. Paps, Oakland Ford dealer was chairman of the show.

Later, the Lari-ettes were luncheon guests of the dealers at Helnick's restaurant. Songs by Elsa Himmelman were followed by community singing.

Joe Cosca has been in the hospital for five days having suffered a fall from his horse while riding with the Sheriff's Posse in the Ford Dealers' wild west roundup in Niles.

The Lari-ettes were very much pleased with the gavel and block that Joey Cosca made for them. He made it at school and presented it as a surprise, during their last meeting.

Margaret Rukavina won a handsome trophy for the best dressed cow-girl at the Rowel Hayward Rodeo. The Lari-ettes placed second as the best mounted western group in the parade.

At the San Mateo Mounted Patrol horse-show in Woodside, Carmel Himmelman, on Monte Carlo, won first in ladies' pleasure class, and first in trail class. In the Junior Horsemanship class Pat Rukavina placed second.

In the Sacramento show Pat Rukavina placed fifth in the junior horsemanship class; Carmel Himmelman, first in the trail class, and Margaret Rukavina, second.

AT DON EVANS' STABLE

Don Evans has moved his stable of horses from Oakland to Concord and reports having all facilities for keeping show horses in good condition. In addition to two show size rings and one smaller ring, he has seventeen 12 by 12 box stalls and large grass covered paddocks. There is also an outside jumping course. Trails from the stable connect with the trails into Mt. Diablo park.

Dolly Nielsen's Lt. Sparks and the Moore's Billy Doon are among the Oakland-owned horses sent to the Concord stable for the summer.

At The Piedmont Stables

Monday, June 1, was a great day at the Piedmont. Walter and Pearl Leatham arrived home from the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Show, at Sacramento, with a beautiful trophy and blue ribbon won by their registered Quarter-horse mare, Wasp, the award being made in the stock horse class. The same day, Jimmy Black, Jr., accompanied his dad to the San Jose rodeo, where Jim, Sr., was trick-riding and showing Bobby, N. L. Fairbairn's high schooled horse. Jimmy won the blue in the children's stock horse class on Rabbit.

Sally Wright also has been placing consistently in the shows, with her own horse, Topper, and Russ Ivy's little brown filly, Fleeta.

Charley Hibbard's good palomino, Prince Cholla, is recovering after a period of illness. In the meantime Charley has been riding other horses at the stable needing exercise.

Barbara Brown recently brought her horse in to the stable to board.

Jack and Isabelle Pfeiffer are devoted to their two pintos and spend all of the time they can at the barn with them. Jack just started riding a month ago, when they bought Spook from Charley Grey.

Ed Carey and Gil Aschom were on the annual Sonoma county trail ride. It rained so hard that Gil's saddle and equipment looked as though he had been buckarooin in the brush all winter, but they both reported enjoying the trip.

Red Gates of Rifle Lane

With arrival of Spring and the show season, Red Gates show horses are busy taking in those scheduled at nearby places.

Idiot's Delight and O'Malley went to the Sacramento Riding club's annual show, held on May 22 and 23. O'Malley placed third in the touch and out class, after a three-way jump off. Norma Burton won the coveted Floyd B. Hart trophy, for hands and seat over jumps, for the second time. Norma and

Deane Burton were second in the family class, winning the matched pair class.

All the Red Gates' horses and riders are eagerly awaiting the M. H. A. show this month.

Rocking Horse Stable

Riders and horses of the Rocking Horse Stable have been quite busy this past month schooling for the Leona Riders Horse show on June 20th.

To date, Margarete Phelps still can't seem to find a way to mount bareback, and Don Phelps is still bouncing all over the back of his horse. It's difficult to say whose patience will last longer, the horses' or the riders'.

Stormy and Bobby Sox, two bay geldings owned by Tedda Byler, are guests of the stable this month. Tedda drives out to the stable every morning, rain or shine, to ride her horse and attempt to teach the Phelps' the art of bareback riding.

Leona Riders

Leona Riders held a special meeting, May 25, on the site of the ring they are building by the Old Wishing Well. During lunch, provided from well-filled baskets, plans were discussed for the horse show on June 20.

This show was planned for members only, with ribbons to fifth place and trophies for first and second place. A barbecue was planned as a feature of the day.

Regular monthly meeting was held June 4 at Sequoia lodge. Don Phelps was winner of the cake baking contest, his entry being in the form of a wishing well. Movies were shown on polo, with Arthur Alderette, of the Alderette polo team, as guest speaker.

Among new members and guests were Sylvia King, Jim Wheeler, Joyce Adams, Corrine Smith, Janice Phillips, Hampton Ford, Margaret Johnson, Mr. O'Donnell, Ray Theobald and Joe Sousa.

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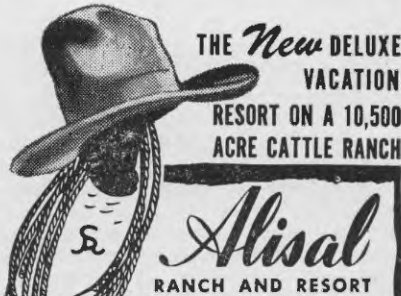
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Aahmes Shrine Rangers

Rangers and their wives spent three enjoyable days as guests of the city of Willows during the annual lamb derby, held the first week in May. Festivities got under way with the Ranger color guard and stage coach escorting the Queen of the festival and her court during colorful coronation ceremonies. Other highlights were a banquet on Friday evening at which the Rangers and their ladies were guests, and a street parade during which the local group put on their new street drill, receiving a trophy as the best parade unit.

Sharing honors with the queen and her attendants at the Grand Ball on Saturday night, the Rangers and their wives took part in the grand march, festivities closing on Sunday with the first show to be held in the new Willows arena. Here the Rangers made four appearances, escorting the officials of the show in the stage coach for the grand entry; putting on their famous presentation of the colors; escorting the mothers present to the field as a feature of a Mother's day tribute, and presenting their regular exhibition drill. They carried home another beautiful trophy, as an award at the show.

The Mounted Patrol, of Santa Rosa, was present at a party and business meeting held at the Ranch clubrooms Sunday, May 16.

Regretting their inability to accept several invitations to participate in horse shows due to conflicting dates, the Rangers were forced to turn down bids to take part in the Sonora show, and the Oakland Riding Academy show, both in May.

New horses reported this month include a sorrel and white gelding, Patches, recently acquired by Floyd Jacobs and Brandy, a sorrel and white gelding, now owned by Francis Older.

Floyd and Ella Jacobs and their son, Jerry, have returned from a vacation trip to Minnesota where they visited relatives.

Frank Kelly, Fred Anderson, Ted Sibert and Glenn Fisher and their mounts took part in the annual trek of the Sonoma country Trail Blazers.

Irv and Norma Hansen recently spent a week in Los Angeles.

Dave and Kay Jones have been all over the country but in spite of snow and high water can be depended upon to show up for drill on Tuesday nights.

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At The Pinto Ranch

Joe Cosca is the newest member of the Sheriff's Posse. He is sporting a complete new outfit, including saddle, bridle and a nice palomino gelding.

Don Bently and Dave Silva have a new palomino, formerly owned by Cecil Huff, of Hayward.

Vernon Chappell is going on the Mariposa trail ride, and is covering lots of ground getting his horse in condition.

A sorrel mare, owned by Leonard Landsborough, is the dam of twin palomino colts, both strong, healthy and of beautiful color. Little Lynda Landsborough's new mouse colored colt has the name of Cloudy, while the mare of the same color, is called Smoky. Lynda also is the proud possessor of a new pair of spurs, silver inlaid with gold and rubies. She confides they are almost too pretty to wear.

Kay McManus' colt, Punkin, is one of the kind that is born broken to ride. The first time saddled she conducted herself like a veteran.

Carmelita Cummins has a new saddle, made to order by Bently and Silva. It is an Early California style, slick fork, tapadarios with wild flower stamping, and trimmed with white buck and silver.

Making a trip to the San Joaquin valley, Louis Alberts returned with a beautiful dark gold palomino mare named Flicka. Barbara Alberts is owner of the good sorrel mare, Cindy, formerly the property of Pat and Jerry Funk.

Leroy Cozzens is a new member of the Pinto Ranch family, he and his big black gelding often being seen on the trails through the hills.

C. E. Harris is back in the saddle again, his new trail horse being a palomino mare sporting a winning color and a good fast walk.

Phyllis Newmyer traded her black gelding, Smoky, for a dandy little blaze-faced bay quarter mare.

Glen Cove Surprise, the sorrel and white pinto stallion owned by Chub Turner, is now training at the Ranch.

At The B Bar S Stable

Now under management of Bud Vogel and Jonsey, the Bar S Stable has had a complete face lifting and has been treated to a new coat of white paint. The latest in box stalls has been built as well as three new pad-docks. A clubroom and a barbecue pit are now under construction for use of the club members.

Oliver Parker, formerly of Northridge, where he took care of several fine palominos sired by Robin Hood, Gene Autry's horse, is the trainer in charge.

New boarders and their owners are Pat, a palomino, George O'Brien; Wasco, a buckskin gelding, Irma Augustine; Dickie, Tennessee walking gelding, Betty Hubbard, and Duke, a chestnut gelding, Roger Farrar. Ranger, Fred Velasco's pinto gelding, retains his permanent stall.

Vi Schumacher has her chestnut mare, Raven, housed next to her old stablemate, Pico, Bud Vogel's roan gelding. Last, but not least as you call the stable roll, is Bud's newly acquired pinto mare, Cheeta.



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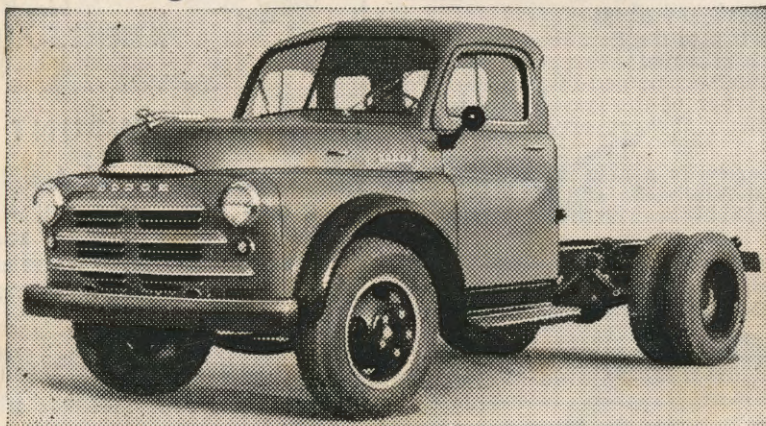
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